

construction further including a bowed wall region where the first and second streams of plastic are extruded lying against one another, the first corrugations and the bowed wall region being formed with consistent outside diameters and the second corrugations being formed with an outside diameter less than that of the first corrugations and the bowed wall region, the first corrugations, the bowed wall region and the second corrugations all being formed continuously along the pipe with the bowed wall region being located between the first corrugations and the second corrugations, the first corrugations comprising a major part of the pipe and the bowed wall region and the second corrugations comprising a minor part of the pipe.

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Amend claim 13 to depend on claim 17.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the Examiner' s approval, Applicant will amend Figure 4 as indicated in the attached marked figure. As the Examiner will see, Applicant has replaced the numeral 10 with the numeral 9a in Figure 4.

REMARKS:

Newly submitted claim 17 as well as prior claims 13 through 16 dependent on newly submitted claim 17 now stand in this application.

Claim 17 submitted with this response distinguishes over the Fukui reference as well as any other references which Applicant is aware. First of all, Applicant' s claimed structure comprises an inner wall part with a covering wall part. The inner wall part is flat where it is covered by the first and second corrugations of the covering wall part. This construction as clearly supported by Applicant' s disclosure relates to a rigid pipe as opposed to the flexible hose disclosed by Fukui.

Secondly, Applicant defines in claim 17 that the larger first corrugations comprise a major part of the pipe whereas the shorter second corrugations and the bowed wall region comprise a minor part of the pipe. This is completely contrary to Fukui where the small corrugations occupy a much greater length of the pipe than the larger corrugations of Fukui.

Claim 17 further distinguishes over Fukui by defining that the bowed wall region has an outside diameter consistent with that of the large first corrugations. The Examiner has taken the position that this is obvious in light of Fukui and is nothing more than a design choice. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The purpose for making the bowed wall region of an outside diameter consistent with the larger corrugations and greater in diameter than the smaller corrugations is to set the pipe up for cutting into two pipe sections where the second corrugations form a spigot insertable within a

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